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1. RE PARA FIVE REFTTEL, WE ARE ENCOURAGED THAT KIRK IS APPARENTLY TURNING THE CORNER TO A MORE RELAXED ATTITUDE TOWARD JAPANESE INVOLVEMENT IN ASIAN REGIONAL AFFAIRS. AT SAME TIME WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE TO PRESS HIM ON QUESTION JAPANESE PARTICIPATION IN ANY NEW (OR OLD) REGIONAL GROUPINGS. CONCERNED LEADERS, INCLUDING KIRK, ARE CONFIDENTIAL

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AWARE THRUST OF U.S. THINKING ON THIS ISSUE. WE DO NOT

WISH TO INVOLVE OURSELVES IN THIS REGIONAL
INITIATIVE AND RELATED DELICATE QUESTION OF POSSIBLE PRC
INVOLVEMENT AS PARALLEL TO ANY JAPANESE PARTICIPATION.

2. WE WOULD THEREFORE PREFER THAT ISSUE POSSIBLE JAPANESE
INVOLVEMENT IN SEA REGIONAL GROUPING NOT BE RAISED BY US
OFFICIALS WITH KIRK OR OTHERS. IF SUBJECT SHOULD ARISE,
IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO SAY THAT AS ALWAYS USG WELCOMES
STRENGTHENING (INCLUDING THROUGH BROADENED MEMBERSHIP)
OF REGIONAL CONSULTATIVE AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS, BUT
BELIEVES SPECIFIC QUESTION OF JAPANESE PARTICIPATION IS
MATTER TO BE DECIDED BY THE JAPANESE AND THE

REGIONAL GROUP THEMSELVES. WE DO APPRECIATE OUR FRIENDS
IN THE REGION KEEPING US INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS ON
THESUBJECT.

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